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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director Small Business Commission, City Hall, Room 448
- FROM: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk by Budget and Finance Committee

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- DATE: June 23, 2020
- SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Budget and Finance Committee

The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee has received the following legislation, which is being referred to the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 200654

Hearing to consider the proposed Initiative Ordinance submitted by four or more Supervisors to the voters for the November 3, 2020, Election, entitled "Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to increase the Real Property Transfer Tax rate from 2.75% to 5.5% on transfers of properties with a consideration or value of at least \$10,000,000 and less than \$25,000,000 and from 3% to 6% on transfers of properties with a consideration or value of at least \$25,000,000; and to increase the City's appropriations limit by the amount of the tax increase for four years from November 3, 2020."

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

RESPONSE FROM SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION - Date: _____

____ No Comment

____ Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Small Business Commission

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by 4 or more Supervisors or the Mayor

I, hereby submit the following proposed initiative measure(s) for hearing before the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee prior to the submittal of the proposed initiative measure to the Department of Elections (per Proposition C, November 2007).

This matter is for the November 3, 2020 Election.

Sponsor(s): Supervisor Dean Preston

Subject: Real Property Transfer Tax Rate Increase on Transfers of Properties for at Least \$10 Million

The text is listed below or attached:

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PROPOSED INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO BE SUBMITTED BY FOUR OR MORE SUPERVISORS TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION.

[Under Charter Section 2.113(b), this measure must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and filed with the Department of Elections no less than 45 days prior to the deadline for submission of such initiatives to the Department of Elections set in Municipal Elections Code Section 300(b).]

[Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations Code - Real Property Transfer Tax Rate Increase on Transfers of Properties for at Least \$10 Million]

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to increase the Real

Property Transfer Tax rate from 2.75% to 5.5% on transfers of properties with a

consideration or value of at least \$10,000,000 and less than \$25,000,000, and from 3%

to 6% on transfers of properties with a consideration or value of at least \$25,000,000;

and to increase the City's appropriations limit by the amount of the tax increase for

four years from November 3, 2020.

NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain font.
Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u>.
Deletions to Codes are in <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman font</u>.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Pursuant to Article XIII C of the Constitution of the State of California, this ordinance shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City and County of San Francisco at the November 3, 2020, consolidated general election.

Section 2. The Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by revising Section 1102 of Article 12-C, to read as follows:

SEC. 1102. TAX IMPOSED.

There is hereby imposed on each deed, instrument or writing by which any lands, tenements, or other realty sold within the City and County of San Francisco shall be granted. assigned, transferred or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the purchaser or purchasers, or any other person or persons, by his or her or their direction, when the consideration or value of the interest or property conveyed (not excluding the value of any lien or encumbrances remaining thereon at the time of sale) (a) exceeds \$100 but is less than or equal to \$250,000, a tax at the rate of \$2.50 for each \$500 or fractional part thereof; or (b) more than \$250,000 and less than \$1,000,000, a tax at the rate of \$3.40 for each \$500 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including, but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$250,000; or (c) at least \$1,000,000 and less than \$5,000,000, a tax at the rate of \$3.75 for each \$500 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including, but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$1,000,000; or (d) at least \$5,000,000 and less than \$10,000,000, a tax at the rate of \$11.25 for each \$500 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including, but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$5,000,000; or (e) at least \$10,000,000 and less than \$25,000,000, a tax at the rate of \$27.5013.75 for each \$500 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$10,000,000; or (f) at least \$25,000,000, a tax at the rate of \$3015 for each \$500 or fractional part thereof for the entire value or consideration, including but not limited to, any portion of such value or consideration that is less than \$25,000,000. The People of the City and County of San Francisco authorize the Board of Supervisors to enact ordinances, without further voter approval, that will exempt rent-restricted affordable housing, as the Board may define that term, from the increased tax rate in subsections (d), (e), and (f).

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Section 3. Appropriations Limit Increase. Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B and applicable laws, for four years from November 3, 2020, the appropriations limit for the City shall be increased by the aggregate sum collected by the levy of the tax imposed under this ordinance.

Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the People of the City and County of San Francisco intend to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions, in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

Section 5. Effective and Operative Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be ten days after the date the official vote count is declared by the Board of Supervisors. This ordinance shall become operative on January 1, 2021.

SUBMITTED.

Date: Dean Preston Member, Board of Supervisors Date: Hillarv Ropen ember, Board of Supervisors Date: Matt Hanev Member, Board of Supervisors Date: Gordon Mar Member, Board of Supervisors Date: Shamann Walton Member, Board of Supervisors n:\legana\as2020\2000469\01446494.docx

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